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(57) **Abstract:** Compounds of formula (1), wherein Z is -CONR<sub>15</sub>OH or -N(OH)CHO and X is -(CR<sub>9</sub>R<sub>10</sub>)t-Q-(CR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub>)u- (where t and u are independently 0 or 1 with the proviso that t and u cannot both be 0); are inhibitors of metalloproteinases and in particular TACE.